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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to the Director

George:

I regret that our review of Agency policy and regulations governing speaking and writing in the public domain by CIA employees has not yet resulted in clear-cut guidance for you, the Director of Security, and employees generally. I hope and expect to revise our regulations without much more delay. In the interim, however, you should use the following as official guidance:

a. Employees will not speak or write in the public domain unless they can be publicly identified as Agency employees without jeopardizing security.

b. If there are no security reasons why the employee cannot be so identified, you should next consider the subject and content of his remarks, which should be very carefully scrutinized from a security point of view. While you should look to the Office of Security for official guidance in this respect, the employee and his supervisors in the chain of command have a heavy responsibility in this regard.

c. If it is determined that there are no security objections to the employee's being publicly identified with the Agency and to the release of the information to the public, each such case must then be considered as a matter of policy. There may be many cases in which security is not the primary consideration and where approval or disapproval of the request is an important policy consideration for the Agency. These determinations and decisions require keen insight and judgment, and any questions whatever should be referred to the Director or Deputy Director for final determination.

Of course, there may be exceptional cases which merit special consideration and do not readily lend themselves to the

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foregoing guidance. Each such request should be considered on its own merits on a case-by-case basis.

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